

**AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS**

The status of all claims and the text of pending claims, with markings to show current changes relative to the immediately prior version, follows.

1. (Presently amended) A method for preparing a non-planar, metal substrate to receive a ceramic coating including the steps of: removing material from a surface of the metal substrate at a progressively decreasing rate.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A method as in claim 1 wherein the surface has a bond coat.

8. (Original) A method as in claim 1 wherein the surface has a bond coat which is an MCrAlY coating.

9. (Original) A method as in claim 6 wherein the bond coat is an MCrAlY bond coat which has been applied by a method selected from the group consisting of EBPVD, cathodic arc deposition, plasma spray deposition, electroplating, and sputtering.

10. (Canceled)

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15. (Canceled)

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18. (Original) The metal product produced by the method of claim 1.

19. (Canceled)

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21. (Canceled)